

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 484

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to commend Dr. William Patrick Patterson for his honorable and astute service to his fellow veterans.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for our valiant men and women who have proudly served their country in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Patrick Patterson is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Campus Director of the National School of Business and Technology in Madison, Dr. Patterson has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to both the educational and veterans' communities; and

WHEREAS, as Campus Director, Dr. Patterson has earned the respect and admiration of faculty, staff, and students alike by working long hours and demonstrating unwavering commitment to the school and its students; and

WHEREAS, he always makes time for his students and often personally helps them solve their problems, all the while keeping the school running efficiently; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patterson is a distinguished veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having proudly served his country from 1972-1975 in communications; and

WHEREAS, truly a veteran's veteran, Dr. Patterson passionately encourages veterans to continue their education and helps them identify educational grants and other financial assistance for which they are eligible; and

WHEREAS, he has also been instrumental in helping veterans organize among themselves for solidarity and strength, and he encourages veterans to become involved in civic and community activities; and

WHEREAS, on a personal level, Dr. Patterson has helped local veteran organizations, Operation Stand Down, and Next Stage, Inc. obtain funding, and he has worked assiduously to raise money for many worthy veterans' causes, including veterans' homes; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman holds a law degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and he is active in his community as a member of the Madison Chamber of Commerce and Green Hill Church; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Dr. Patterson is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Sherry, and his stepdaughters, Auden and Tristan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Patrick Patterson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his ongoing commitment to advancing educational opportunities for our veterans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Dr. William Patrick Patterson for his honorable and astute service as Campus Director of the National School of Business and Technology in Madison and salute his loyal and faithful service to his fellow veterans in many capacities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.